

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A comparison between a cost required when
retrieval is performed after an index corresponding to
a retrieval condition is generated and a cost required
when entire retrieval is performed is made. If the cost
required when the entire retrieval is performed is
higher, it is determined whether or not an applicable
index exists among already generated indexes. If an
10 applicable index does not exist, an index corresponding
to the retrieval condition is generated. A database is
then retrieved by using the generated index.

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